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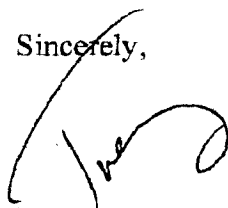
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of my constituent, Mr. John T. Bird. Mr. Bird owns Carleton Professional Tree Equipment. Mr. Bird has stated that a competing company is in violation of federal law.

Attached is Mr. Bird's description of the stated violation. Your review of Mr. Bird's inquiry, in strict accordance with governing rules and regulations, would be greatly appreciated.

Please call if you have any questions regarding this Inquiry. You can reach me or Emily Davis of my Spartanburg office at (864) 583-3264.

Sincerely,



Trey Gowdy
Member of Congress

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February 26, 2013

Trey Gowdy
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Dear Mr. Gowdy;

JP Carlton Company is a manufacturer located in the Spartanburg, SC employing over 65 staff. We have been at this location over 20 years. As our South Carolina representative you should be concerned with JP Carlton's ability to be competitive in the marketplace.

I am writing to you to report what I believe to be a gross violation of the EPA's rules regarding flexibility allowances under the Transition program. These violations by a competitor out of Michigan are putting Carlton at an extreme disadvantage in the marketplace and threatening South Carolina jobs!

Under these EPA flexibility allowances it is specifically stated that manufacturers are not allowed to stockpile engines to avoid compliance. I have reason to believe Bandit Industries in Remus, MI has been doing just that. I believe they have been working with one of their suppliers - Power Great Lakes - to provide non compliant engines well beyond their flexibility allowance. I believe they have done this by stock piling non compliant engines and not counting these against their flexibility allowances.

Attached is an article from Tree Care Industry Magazine where Jerry Morey, President of Bandit Industries, admits to stock piling of non-compliant engines, bragging that strong revenues have allowed them to purchase as many engines as they can!!

These violations by a competitor put all compliant manufacturers at a significant disadvantage while hurting the environment, accelerating climate change, while showing complete disregard for EPA laws.

I expect the EPA to investigate this matter and enforce the law. Please let me know of your findings.

Sincerely,

John T. Bird
JP Carlton Company

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We're already a month into 2013, and as I write this we're having another mild winter in Michigan despite all the predictions to the contrary. Not everyone in the country has been so fortunate, and there's still plenty of time for Mother Nature to slap our wrists and remind us what she's capable of. But on the whole it looks like many of us could have another early spring.

The mild conditions last year gave many tree crews an early start, and that certainly played a role in Bandit having strong sales all through 2012. This allowed us to purchase a large supply of Tier 3 engines for our equipment, and we packed our warehouses with as many as we could get.

I'm sure everyone is now aware of Tier 4 emissions regulations and how expensive these new Tier 4 engines are turning out to be. These regulations also allow us to sell existing Tier 3 and Tier 3 flex engines we have in stock before switching over, so we invested heavily in these less expensive engines. I'm happy to say that Bandit has an ample supply of these engines for 2013, but how long they last will of course depend on demand. Once our allotment is used up, we'll switch to Tier 4.

We do this not to simply delay the inevitable, but to allow engine manufacturers and our customers more time to adapt to the new regulations, and for markets to stabilize. The new engines are really quite impressive, and as they come more into the market prices will hopefully ease, as is often the case with new technologies. In the meantime, if you're planning a chipper or larger stump grinder upgrade in the next few years, acting sooner while Tier 3 and Tier 3 Flex machines are available can save you some money and possible aggravation.

Jerry Morey
— Jerry Morey

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